

School Business – August 14, 2020

The FBS website continues to be updated with COVID-19 policies and information related to School Business and operations, as well as our ongoing operations. Please check this site regularly for updates: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services.

- The School Nutrition Section has provided **additional guidance** on the use of PRC125 CRF School Nutrition. This document is posted on our website at www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services under “PRC125 School Nutrition 75m”
- The 2020-21 **Allotment Policy Manual** is posted at www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/allotments-%E2%80%94funding-public-school-units
- The 2020-21 **Salary Schedules** are posted at www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/compensation-public-school-employees
- The 2020-21 **Salary Manual** is posted at www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/compensation-public-school-employees#state-salary-manual-and-forms

Calendar Waivers

The **history of missed instructional days** for the last 10 years has been posted under Calendar Resources for LEAs at www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/school-calendar-legislation#calendar-resources-for-leas. This report shows which LEAs are eligible to request an opening date waiver for the for the 2021 – 2022 school year from the State Board of Education.

The waiver request form titled **LEA – Weather Related Waiver Request** is located under the heading Calendar Waiver at www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/student-accounting#forms. Waiver requests are due to the Division of School Business by Friday, September 4, 2020. **Please be sure to email the waiver request as indicated on the form so that it is received on time as Student Accounting is currently working outside of the DPI Building.**

If you have additional questions, please contact Student Accounting at StudentAccounting@dpi.nc.gov.

CARES Act Fund (PRC 125) Guidance – School Nutrition

As you may recall, Session Law 2020-80 extended the period of use of CARES Act Funds for School Nutrition purposes (PRC-125) from June 30, 2020 through December 30, 2020. This extension allows for the continued use of these funds to support School Nutrition operations and the service of nutritious meals to food-insecure students as part of the State’s emergency public health response to the pandemic. The [guidance](#) has been updated in consultation with our colleagues from the Office of State Budget and Management and the NC Pandemic Recovery Office. Please collaborate with your School Nutrition Directors to determine and subsequently document the allowable use of these funds to support continued school nutrition

operations. We hope the decision tree which is attached will be helpful in informing your decisions related to the use of these funds.

For questions, contact Janet Johnson (Janet.WilliamsJohnson@dpi.nc.gov) or Lynn Harvey (Lynn.Harvey@dpi.nc.gov).

Federal Program Monitoring and Support Division

Innovative Childcare and Remote Extended Support (ICARES) Grant Competition

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is preparing to launch a competition for the Innovative Childcare and Remote Extended Support (ICARES) Grant and anticipates funding these grants, pending approval by the State Board of Education (SBE), for Public School Units (PSU) to partner with community organizations to provide supervised instructional childcare for K-8 students without at-home supervision available on remote learning days. The purpose of the ICARES grant is to fund high-quality, independently validated extended learning and integrated student support service programs for at-risk students that raise standards for student academic outcomes and will be a competitive grant opportunity processed through the CCIP system. ICARES grant amounts will range from \$200,000 to \$500,000 depending on the number of at-risk students identified to be served.

Eligible Organizations

Districts, Charter Schools, and Lab Schools are eligible to apply for the Innovative Childcare and Remote Extended Support (ICARES) Grant for at-risk students, remote learning and childcare supervision.

Intent to Apply

Please click on the following "Intent to Apply" link below for the ICARES Competitive Grant submission. Submitting the "Intent to Apply" form in the link does not require an organization to apply. If interested, please complete the "Intent to Apply" by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020.**

The "Intent to Apply" form in the link should be completed by the Federal Programs Director or Point of Contact in the PSU. All communication going forward will be directed to the single individual listed on the "Intent to Apply" form.

["Intent to Apply – ICARES FY 2021"](#)

Exceptional Children (EC) Division

Special Grants Update

Training for Special Grant applications in the CCIP platform will take place on Thursday, September 3, 2020. There will be two sessions: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and repeated at 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. A registration link will be shared by the close of business on August 17, 2020. The training will cover the following:

- Risk Pool **
- Special State Reserve **
- Developmental Day Center
- Community Residential
- Group Foster Home

- Out of District

The Special Grant applications will open for submission on September 4, 2020.

The grants process functions similar to the IDEA grant. EC Directors/Coordinators will see the status changes in the history log for each grant.

EC Directors/ Coordinators will receive notification from the grant system when the grant has been reviewed and approved/denied. The total allotment will be visible in the application for each specific grant. This in-system notification replaces the memos sent in previous years.

Upon grant approval, the EC Division will notify the NCDPI Division of School Business of the approval amounts. The NCDPI Division of School Business is responsible for the allocation of the approved funds to the PSU. The PSU finance officer should communicate with his/her NCDPI Division of School Business contact with questions regarding the time frame for receiving the allotments.

*** Grants funds will be awarded until grant set-aside funds have been depleted.*

2020 Statewide Facility Needs Survey

The 2020 FNS Database is now available for download on the DPI School Planning website: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning/project-planning.

UPDATE - Completed surveys are due on **January 8, 2021**.

Questions about the 2020 FNS should be directed to Nathan Maune, AIA at: nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov.

Reminders

- August PSBCF and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests - Monthly distribution requests are due by **August 21, 2020**
Details are in the July 31, 2020 newsletter. *
- 2020-21 Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund - Applications and supporting materials are due by **September 15, 2020**
Details are in the July 31, 2020 newsletter. *

* www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/school-district-finance-operations/procedures-and-guidance#newsletter



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